

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejection of Claims 1, 4, 5, 9 and 10 as being obvious and unpatentable based upon the **HOROVITZ '984** patent under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully traversed. In addition, the rejection of Claims 2, 3, and 6 as being obvious and unpatentable based upon the **HOROVITZ '984** patent in view of the **WISE '182** patent under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is also respectfully traversed.

The **HOROVITZ '984** patent discloses a combined table and a checker board/chess board device. This device can be used as a checker/chess board at any time, or used as an ordinary table. The device also includes a sliding drawer having one or more compartments therein for holding of the game pieces therein. The sliding drawer allows the table/game board to rotate when the drawer is in the pulled-out condition and when the drawer is in the pushed-in condition the table/game board cannot swivel or rotate.

The **HOROVITZ '984** patent does not disclose or teach the following elements of Amended Independent Claim 1 for a game table for playing different types of games:

a) the table section includes a first playing surface on the top surface thereof and a second playing surface on the bottom surface thereof; said table section includes an axis of rotation in said horizontal plane; wherein the first and second playing surfaces include a first game board and a second and different game board, respectively, thereon;

b) the frame section and the table section includes cooperative means for retaining the table section in a horizontal plane relative to the frame section; the retaining means is movable between a retaining position and a non-retaining position for allowing the table section rotate; and

c) the frame section has a first storage compartment and a second storage compartment disposed on opposite sides of the opening in the table section; wherein the storage compartments, the opening and the axis of rotation of the table section in the frame section are in the same horizontal plane.

There is no teaching in the **HOROVITZ** patent that its combination table has a second playing surface having a different game board thereon in conjunction with its first playing surface being a checker/or chess board game. **HOROVITZ**'s combination table in reference to its specification and claims does not have both of its playing surfaces for use as different game boards, **HOROVITZ**'s intent was one surface as a game board and the other surface as an ordinary table surface for home use. The present invention claims a game table having two different game boards for each of its first and second playing surfaces.

Also, there is no teaching in **HOROVITZ**'s table that its frame section and its table section have cooperative means for retaining the table section in a horizontal plane relative to the frame section. **HOROVITZ**'s table uses a single sliding drawer underneath its table section which are in different horizontal planes in order to keep the table section from rotating or swiveling. The present invention has retaining means that is movable between a retaining position and a non-retaining position (a pull-out stop pin) for allowing the table section to rotate.

Further, there is no teaching that HOROVITZ's table has first and second storage compartments on opposite sides of the opening in the table section, as well as no teaching that the first and second storage compartments, opening and the axis of rotation of the table section within the frame section are in the same horizontal plane. HOROVITZ's table has its storage compartment directly underneath its table section (see HOROVITZ's Figures 2 and 3).

Therefore, Amended Independent Claim 1 is patentable and should be allowed.

The WISE '182 patent discloses a footrest-table convertible article of furniture having a rotatable element therein. The rotatable element has two opposed major surfaces, one being a flat unupholstered rotatable element that can be flipped 180° between a position in which the table top is uppermost and horizontal, and a position in which the cushioned footrest is uppermost and horizontal. A locking mechanism secures the rotatable element in either of the positions, at a consistent height above the ground.

The HOROVITZ '984 patent and the WISE '182 patent in combination do not disclose or teach the following elements of Claims 2, 3 and 6 for a game table:

a) the means for rotating the table section wherein the rotating means includes a first spring actuated pivot pin and a second spring actuated pivot pin, and the first and second pivot pin openings on opposing sides of the table section are for receiving the first and second pivot pins therein, respectively;

b) the means for retaining the table section in a horizontal plane relative to the frame section wherein the retaining means includes a pull-out stop pin being detachably mounted within first and second stop pin openings of the frame section and the table section, respectively; and

c) the means for rotating the table section wherein the rotating means includes the first and second spring actuated pivot pins that are for allowing the table section to rotate in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction.

There is no teaching in either of the **HOROVITZ** and **WISE** patents that have means for rotating the table section that include first and second spring actuated pivot pins, first and second pin openings on the opposing sides of the table section for receiving the first and second spring actuated pivot pins therein, respectively. **HOROVITZ** is silent on spring actuated pivot pins. **WISE**'s furniture shows a rod 16 that extends from each of the sides 10 and 12 through the rotatable element 18 (as shown in Wises's Figure 4) and does not depict first and second spring actuated pivot pins within the rod opening on each side 10 and 12 and the rotatable element openings of its table section 18. Wise's rotatable pair of handles 22 or pair of pull rings 24 lock the rotatable element 18 in a horizontal plane.

Also, there is no teaching in either of the **HOROVITZ** and **WISE** patents that have means for retaining its table section or rotatable element in a horizontal plane relative to the frame section having single pull-out stop pin which is detachably mounted within first and second stop pin openings of the frame section and their table section or rotatable element, respectively. **HOROVITZ** is silent on a single pull-out stop pin for keeping its table section in a horizontal plane. **WISE**'s furniture shows a pair of handles or a pair of pull rings for keeping its rotatable element in a horizontal position.

Additionally, there is no teaching in either of the **HOROVITZ** and **WISE** patents have means for rotating their table section or rotatable element which use first and second spring actuated pivot pins in order to allow their table section or rotatable element to rotate in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction. **HOROVITZ** and **WISE** are silent on spring actuated pivot pins for rotating its table section or its rotatable element.

Therefore, Dependent Claims 2, 3 and 6 are patentable and should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

The aforementioned **HOROVITZ** and **WISE** patents do not disclose the claimed features of Independent Claim 1 and Dependent Claims 2, 3, and 6 of the present invention. The **HOROVITZ** and **WISE** patents do not teach a game table having opposite surfaces that have different game boards, or the storage compartments, opening, and table section having an axis of rotation relative to the frame section being in the same horizontal plane.

For these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the applicant's Amended Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 11 patentably distinguish over the prior art and should be allowed.

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